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This Year at the MOVES Institute



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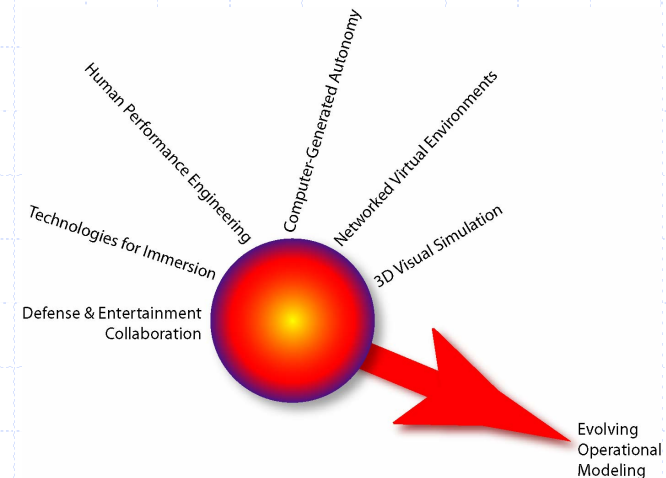
The MOVES Institute

Research Programs

Mission

Research, application and education in the grand challenges of modeling, virtual environments and simulation.

- 3D Visual Simulation
- Networked Virtual Environments
- Computer-Generated Autonomy
- Human Performance Engineering
- Immersive Technologies
- Defense and Entertainment Collaboration
- Evolving Operational Modeling



Organizational Structure

Director

- Michael Zyda

Technical Directorate

- John Hiles - Computer-Generated Autonomy
- Don Brutzman - 3D Visual Simulation & Networked Virtual Environments
- Rudy Darken - Human Performance Engineering
- LCDR Russ Shilling, USN - Immersive Technologies
- Alex Callahan - Evolving Operational Modeling
- Ted Lewis - High Performance Computing & Software Engineering
- Alex Mayberry, Creative Director

Executive Advisory Board

Executive Advisory Board provides guidance on funding for research and products.

- VADM Richard Mayo, USN - NETWARCOM
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- Gilman Louie, In-Q-Tel
- Dr. Mike Bailey - Technical Director, USMC Training & Education Command
- Michael Kapp - Founder & President Time Warner Special Projects (ret)

Technical Advisory Board

Technical Advisory Board provides guidance on technical alternatives to proposed research and products.

- Dr. Phil Barry, DMSO OOTW Technical Lead
- CAPT Rolland Mulligan, USN - Director, Navy Modeling & Simulation Management Office, N61M
- Jim Weatherly - Deputy Director, Navy Modeling & Simulation Management Office, N61M
- LCDR Dylan Schmorrow, USN – ONR VIRTE Program Manager & DARPA Program Manager
- Dr. Bowen Loftin - Old Dominion University, Director Virginia Modeling & Simulation Center
- Dr. Mark Pullen, George Mason University
- Dr. Randy Shumaker - Director, UCF Institute for Simulation & Training

Projects

3D Visual Simulation & Networked Virtual Environments

In networked virtual environments, we are architecting the technology that allows us to build large-scale, dynamically extensible virtual environments, virtual environments that are semantically interoperable and always on.



NPSNET-V

Sponsor – N6M, NRO

PIs – Don Brutzman, Michael Zyda

Goal – Extensible, Scalable Virtual Worlds

Deliverables

Theses: LCDR Ernesto Jose Sallés USN, *A Security System for Runtime-Extensible Virtual Environments*; MAJ William Fischer, USA, *Enhancing Network Communication in NPSNET-V Virtual Environments Using XML-Described Dynamic Behavior (DBP) Protocols*; MAJ David Washington, USA, *Implementation of a Multi-Agent Simulation for the NPSNET-V Virtual Environment Research Project*; LT Michael Wathen, USN, *Dynamic Scalable Network Area of Interest Management for Virtual Worlds*

Papers: Collaborative Virtual Environments 2002, *Security of Runtime Extensible Virtual Environments*; and *A Unified Component Framework for Dynamically Extensible Virtual Environments*

Talks: SIGGRAPH 2002 Tutorial, *Supersize It: Large Scale Graphics and Networking*

Milestones

Re-Architected original system to include XML-described components and kernel structure

Includes HLA networking interoperability, DIS networking interoperability

Released in open source license

Things of Note: Likely to serve as experimental testbed for Extensible Modeling and Simulation Framework (XMSF), which will feature web services-described components

Extensible Modeling and Simulation Framework

XMSF

Collaborators – SAIC, George Mason University

PIs – Don Brutzman & Michael Zyda

Goal – Web-based simulations using XML; simulations created by assembling components described by commercial web-based XML technology

Deliverables

August 2002 XMSF Workshop at NPS: A small collection of top researchers and practitioners in the field that will find consensus on the problems and opportunities in the field of web-based simulation

September 2002 XMSF Symposium at George Mason University: A large collection of the major players in DoD simulation; intended to allow wide review and comment on the white papers generated by the NPS workshop

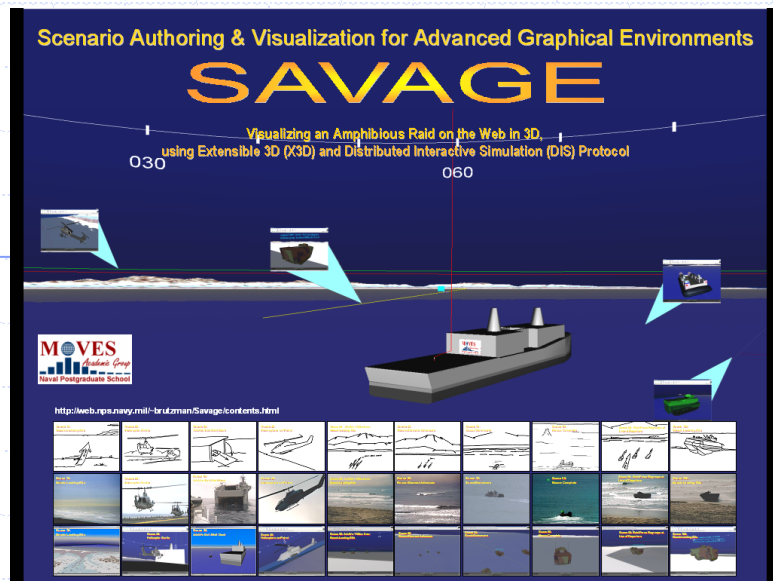
December 2002 Exemplar Applications Small example applications created using web-based simulation technology

Milestones

Workshop organized to coincide with MOVES open house

Symposium organization proceeding

Technology research proceeding



Scenario Authoring and Visualization for Advanced Graphical Environments

Sponsor – DMSO

PIs - Curtis Blais and Don Brutzman

Goal - R&D in Web-based, interactive, multi-user 3D environments for training, education, and experimentation.

Deliverables

SAVAGE repository of Web-based 3D models and scenarios (<http://web.nps.navy.mil/~brutzman/Savage/contents.html>)

Published paper - Web-Based 3D Technology for Scenario Authoring and Visualization: The SAVAGE Project

Published paper - Web-Based 3D Reconstruction of Scenarios for Limited Objective Experiments

Published paper - Emerging Web-Based 3D Graphics for Education and Experimentation

Monthly progress reports to DMSO

Milestones

16 July 2002 - Presentation to Summer Computer Simulation Conference

22 July 2002 - X3D Presentation to SIGGRAPH 2002; M5 Release of Open Source X3D Browser

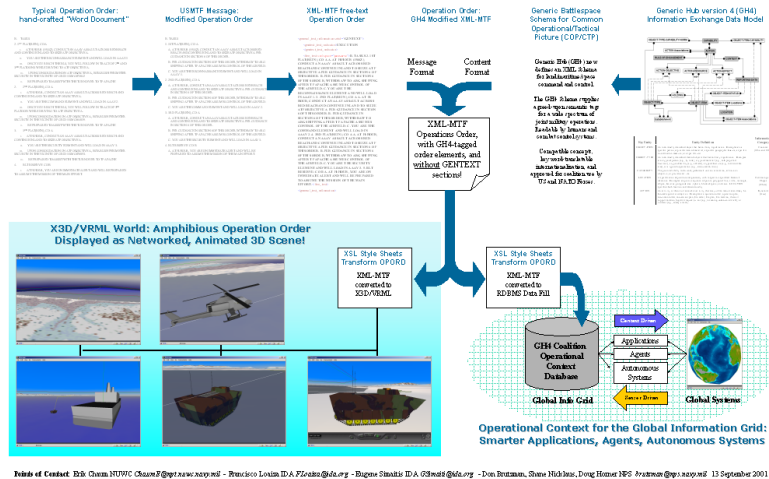
23 August 2002 - MOVES Open House presentations

November 2002 - Presentation to Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation, and Education Conference

Things of Note

Working with international community to establish the next-generation Web3D standard (X3D).

Generic Hub Design Methodology for Battlespace Visualization + Semantics: DoD-wide Autoconversion Of Operation Orders Into 3D Virtual Environments



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Faculty/Staff/Contractors

Brutzman, Blais, Weekley, Horner, Locke, Rolands & Associates, Yumetech.

Thesis Titles

LT Michael Hunsberger, USN, June 2001 - 3D Visualization of Tactical Communications for Planning and Operations Using Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML) and Extensible 3D (X3D).

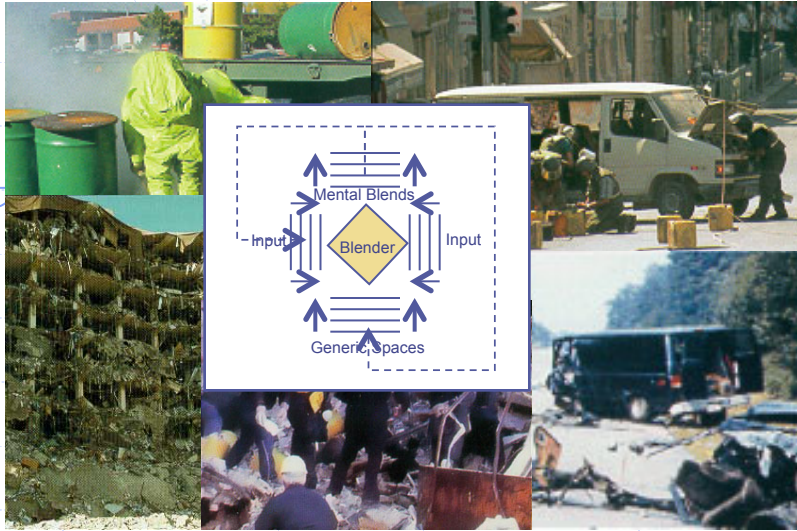
Maj Shane Nicklaus, USMC, June 2001 - Scenario Authoring and Visualization for Advanced Graphical Environments.

LT James Harney, USN, March 2003 – Multi-Agent Simulation for Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Planning.

Computer Generated Autonomy

In computer-generated autonomy, we are building story engines that allow us to traverse near-infinite collections of story elements in controlled fashion, producing an immersive experience for the user. With a scenario engine, we are determining the space of potential outcomes from a virtual description of an infrastructure, a set of policies, characters and cultural behaviors.

Center for the Study of Potential Outcomes



Deliverables

Software design and implementation for creating mental blends based on situation, goals, and subject generic spaces using the Connector-based Multi-Agent System (CMAS) architecture.

Demonstration of model operation and comparison of model outcomes to streams of real-world events, providing foundation for an exploratory laboratory for studying terrorist decision-making processes and resulting patterns of behavior.

Initial codification of real-world terrorist behaviors and personality for simulation application

Prototype server implementation for online collaborative analyses using the software



Project IAGO

Sponsor - CDTEMS, N6M

PIs - Ted Lewis, John Hiles & Curt Blais

Goal – Conduct research in multi-agent simulation approaches for modeling of terrorist decision-making and resulting behaviors. Create a foundation for design and conduct of experiments exploring hypotheses regarding vulnerabilities to asymmetric terrorist attacks and possible intervention measures. Create instructional scenarios and simulations for use in the Homeland Security curriculum.

Milestones

June 2002 - Project Launch

September 2002 – Conceptual model and data collection

October 2002 – Prototype model software design

December 2002 – Demonstration of prototype model

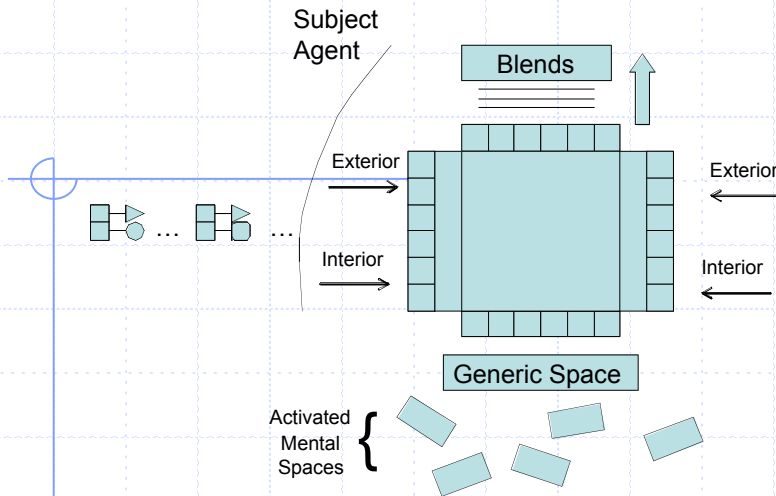
Key Aspects of the Project

Project implements novel modeling approaches based on current cognitive psychology research and cellular biology metaphors, extending Cdr Osborn's Army Game Project Story Engine dissertation research.

Project team includes terrorism subject-matter expert from the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

This is inaugural tasking for the new Center for the Study of Potential Outcomes within the MOVES Institute.

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Faculty/Staff

John Hiles, MOVES Institute, Technical Director for Computer-Generated Autonomy – Principal Investigator and Chief Architect
Ted Lewis, MOVES Institute, Director of the Center for the Study of Potential Outcomes – Principal Investigator
Chris Darken, MOVES Institute – CMAS analysis
Curtis Blais, MOVES Institute, Research Associate and MOVES Ph.D. student – Software Engineering Manager

Contractors

Gary Ackerman, Monterey Institute for International Studies – Subject Matter Expert
Neil Elzenga, Emergent Designs – Software Engineer
Bruce Allen and Fred Zyda, Digital Consulting Services – Software Engineers
John Mason & Associates – digital artwork

Thesis Titles

CDR Brian Osborn, USN - Interactive Computer Generated Stories, PhD in CS, September 2002.
Maj Joerg Wellbrink, German Army - A Reduced Human Performance Model for Exploring Unintended Consequences and Potential Outcomes, PhD in MOVES, September 2003.
Curtis Blais, NPS Research Faculty - Agent-Based Construction of Large-Scale Virtual Environments, PhD in MOVES, September 2004.

Other Students (thesis topics TBD)

Rob Michael, IS and Zac Staples, NSA (joint thesis)
Tom Orichel, MOVES

Center for the Study of Potential Outcomes

Some press

- LA Times Front Page 2 November 2001
- Fox News 25 November 2001
- Gannett News 5 December 2001
- 16 April 2002 ABC News

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The Sims Take on Al Qaeda

■ Borrowing from the popular computer game, the new breed of war games might simulate the unpredictable methods of terrorists.

By KAREN KAPLAN, Times Staff Writer

MONTEREY, Calif. -- Inside a concrete-and-glass laboratory at the Naval Postgraduate School, a computer simulation of Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terrorist network is beginning to take shape.

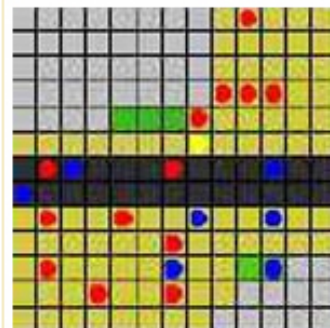
Scientists are preparing to conjure deserts, urban landscapes, communications networks, weapon systems, immigration patterns and an army of terrorists cunning enough to design plots of mass destruction. They also are fashioning millions of potential victims who will be preyed on thousands and thousands of times.

In the new war against terrorism, with its infinite possibilities for unpredictable violence, the military is attempting to understand jihad through the infinitely patient and dogged computer.

"Interesting things happen," said Michael Zyda, who is leading the Navy's simulation project here, "things you didn't expect."

Military strategists have long used computers to wage virtual war, modeling the clash of armies and the devastation of nuclear weapons.

Graphics



Virtual War

Photo Galleries



Afghan "Garbage" Kids

Fox News

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USATODAY.com

G **Game Zone**

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Game creators join war against terrorism

By Greg Wright, Gannett News Service

Wanted: Fun-loving, patriotic person willing to create and play video games all day while helping America fight terrorism. Sound like the perfect job? Well, it exists at the Naval Postgraduate School's Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulation (MOVES) Institute in sunny Monterey, Calif. Twenty-five former commercial video game designers are working with Navy students at the institute to create video game-like simulations to train troops to fight terrorism.



SimCity.com

Some of the training games MOVES creates look similar to Electronic Arts' popular 'SimCity' game.

ABC News

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Virtual People: Software Agents that Simulate Humans

Sponsor – NPS Research Initiation Program

PIs – Christian Darken

Goal – Situationally-aware language-competent CGF's

Deliverables

White paper on simulating the mind's eye circulated to ONR and DARPA contacts

Additional white papers and demo system under production

Milestones

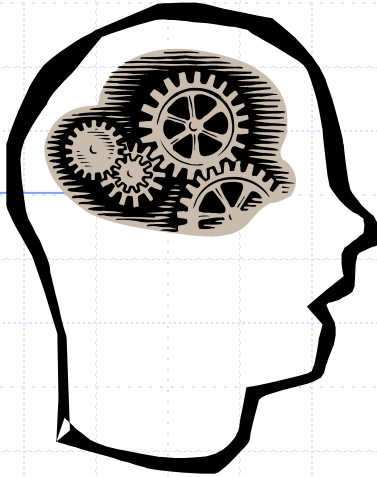
Fall 2001 – Updated artificial intelligence course to include lab based on agents in virtual environments

Winter 2002 – Updated computer animation course to include full coverage of physics-based simulation

Summer 2002 – First course on full-scope high-resolution human behavior modeling (perception/motion/reasoning/natural language) at NPS

Things of Note

White paper on model-based situation assessment requested from ONR with reference to BAA 02-020 "Affordable Human Behavior Representation"



Faculty/Staff/Contractors

C. Darken

Virtual People: Software Agents that Simulate Humans

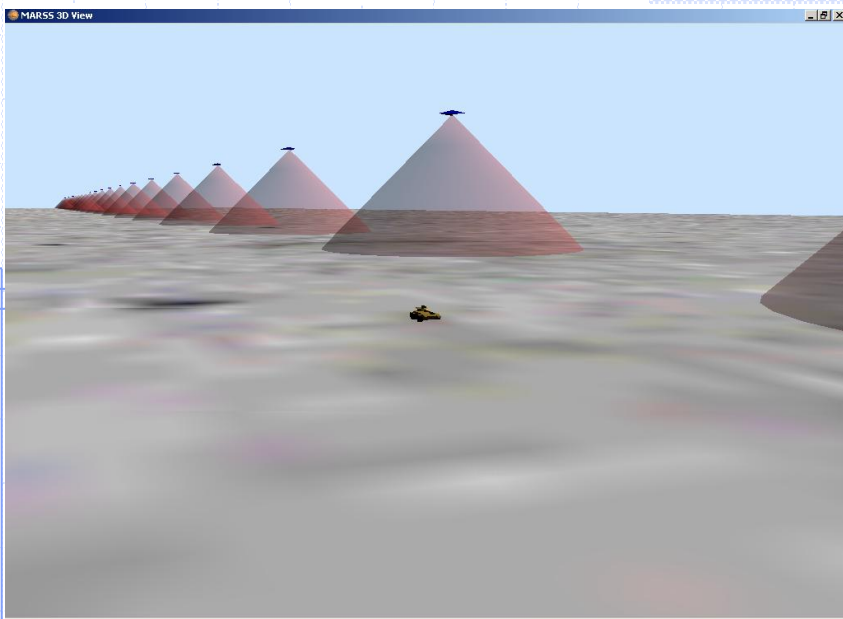
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Thesis Titles

LTC Rene' Burgess, USA - Intelligent Battle Analysis to Reduce Simulation Overhead Requirements, June 2003 (prospective)



Analytical Decision-Supporting Research Using
 Synthesized Adaptive Agent Based Modeling and
 Mathematical Modeling

Sponsor – CNO N6M

PIs – Donald Gaver, John Hiles & Patricia Jacobs

Goal - R&D in support of Navy and Joint Decision making

Publications

T. Barkdoll, D. Gaver, K. Glazebrook, P. Jacobs, S. Posadas, “Suppression of enemy air defenses (SEAD) as an information duel,” accepted for publication in *Naval Research Logistics*.

S. Andrade, N. Rowe, D. Gaver, and P. Jacobs, “Analysis of shipboard firefighting-team efficiency using intelligent agent simulation,” Proceedings of the 2002 Command and Control Research Technology Symposium, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, June 11-13, 2002.

D. Gaver, K. Glazebrook, and P. Jacobs, “Military stochastic scheduling treated as a multi-armed bandit problem,” Naval Postgraduate School Technical Report, NPS-OR-01-010.

Faculty and Officer-Student Collaborators

Professor Kevin Glazebrook, University of Edinburgh

Professor Neil Rowe, MOVES and Computer Science

Professor Steven Pilnick, OR Dept. & Meyer Institute

LT Timothy Barkdoll, USN

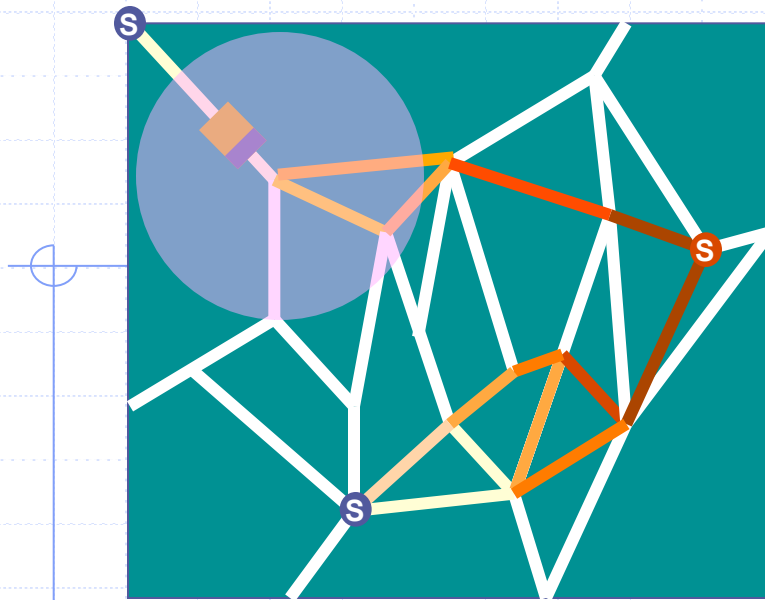
MAJ Sergio Posadas, USMC

CPT Alistair Dickie, Australian Army

LT Sylvio Andrade, Brazilian Navy

Thesis Title

CPT Alistair Dickie, Australian Army – Multi Agent Robot Swarm Simulation, MS in Operations Research in cooperation with the MOVES Institute, June 2002.



Adaptive Rules In Emergent Logistics (ARIEL)

Sponsor – Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC)

PIs – John Hiles & Peter Purdue

Goal – Examine the feasibility of agent-based technology to study the movement of material through a road network after disruptions occurred.

Deliverables

Build a software system that uses agent-based technology to move trucks carrying relief supplies through a road network.

It allows to manually introduce infrastructure disruptions (eg. blocked roads) and examine the impact of those disruptions and the reaction of the autonomous truck-driver agents.

The software must produce an ESRI Arcview SHAPE file output.

Milestones

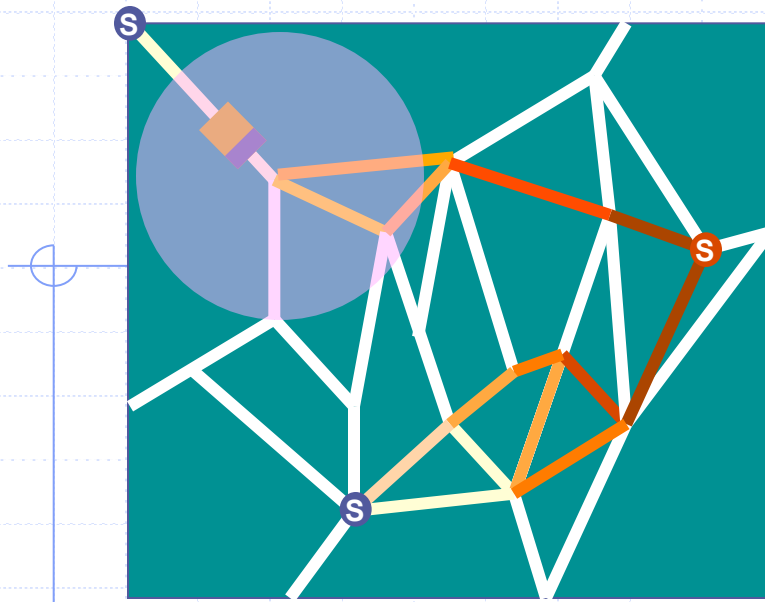
08 July 2002 – project starts

each month – report on the project status (JWAC)

31 Jan 2003 – software delivery

Things of Note

This project could be a basis for a follow on project which explores ways to effectively disrupt a delivery system, and builds a system which let autonomous distruction agents introduce disruptions.



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Faculty/Staff/Contractors

John Hiles (Moves Staff)

Thomas Orichel (Student)

Paul Schneider (JWAC)

Thesis Titles

CPT Thomas Orichel, German Army – Adaptive Rules In Emergent Logistics (ARIEL)

Human Performance Engineering

In human performance engineering, the work is to build deployable simulators for the Navy & Marines Corps and evaluate their utility for training.



Virtual Technologies and Environments (VIRTE)

Sponsor - ONR 342

PIs - Rudy Darken, CDR Joe Sullivan, LCDR Russ Shilling

Goal - Deployable Training for Navy and Marine Corps

Deliverables

ChrAVE – (Chroma-Keyed Augmented Virtual Environment)
Imbedded trainer/flight rehearsal tool designed to practice and maintain pilot and navigation skills while on deployment.

Artillery Forward Observer (FO) Trainer/Simulator –
Designed to maintain FO skills while on deployment.

-Runs on a PC in a distributed network

Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Trainer/Simulator – Allows users to rehearse building clearing drills while on deployment via Head Mounted Display and a tracked weapon in a networked virtual environment.

Milestones

Spring 2002. First prototype VE helicopter simulator completed

Summer 2002. Full cognitive task analysis of close-quarters combat completed

Summer 2002. HLA module completed

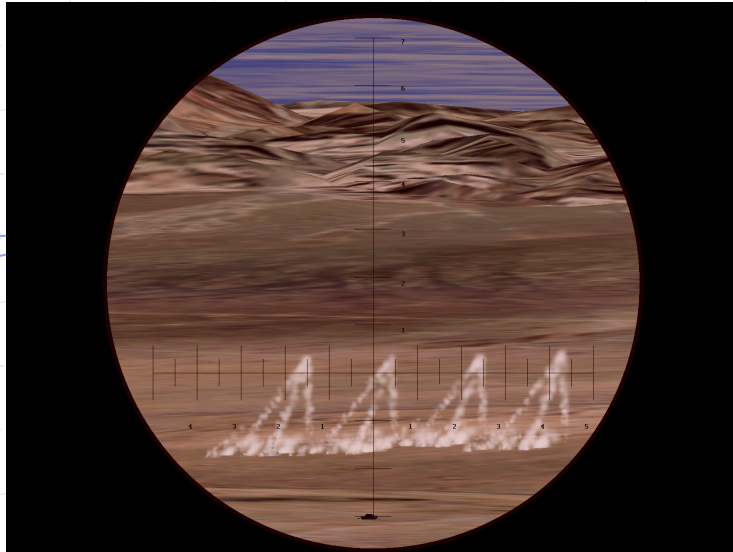
Fall 2002. HLA integration completed, JSAF compliant

Fall 2002. First combined arms tasks supported.

Spring 2003. Field testing with Marine Corps squadron.

Spring 2003. Field testing with CAX at 29 Palms

Summer 2003. Integration with other VIRTE simulators (AAAV & LCAC)



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PIs - Rudy Darken, CDR Joe Sullivan, LCDR Russ Shilling

Goal - Deployable Training for Navy and Marine Corps

Faculty/Staff/Contractors

Rudy Darken

CDR Joe Sullivan

LCDR Russ Shilling

Erik Johnson

Matt Prichard

John Locke

Theses

Lennerton, M. 2002 *Exploring a Chromakeyed Augmented virtual Environment for Viability as an Embedded Training system for Military Helicopter Pilots*

Brannon, D. & Villandre, M. 2002 *A Forward Observer PC Simulator*

Aronson, W. 2002 *A Cognitive Task Analysis of Close Quarters Combat*

Reece, J. 2002 *Virtual Close Quarter Battle Graphical Decision Trainer*

List, R. 2002 *A Rendering System Independent HLA Implementation for Military Simulations*

Unguder, E. 2001 *The Effects of Natural Locomotion on Maneuvering Task Performance in Virtual and Real Environments*

Norlander, K. 2001 *Emergent Leadership on Collaborative Tasks in Distributed Virtual Environments*

Boswell, J. 2001 *User-Centered Iterative Design of a Collaborative Virtual Environment*

Karahan, B. 2000 *Comparison of Performance Measures in the Virtual Environment and Real World Land Navigation Tasks*

Stine, J. 2000 *Representing Tactical Land Navigation Expertise*

Wright, G.T. 2000 *Helicopter Urban Navigation Training Using Virtual Environments*

McLean, T. 1999 *An Interactive Virtual Environment for Training Map-Reading Skill in Helicopter Pilots*



Context Machine

Sponsor – DARPA IPTO

PIs – Perry McDowell & Michael Zyda

Goal – Develop the fundamental design for implementing the context machine.

Milestones

05 December 2001 - demo initial Context Machine at the DARPA IPTO Augmented Cognition Workshop in Austin, Texas showing:

- Context sensitive path planning
- Highlighting of important yet easy to miss info
- Visual representation of system's mental model
- Simulated augmented reality device

10 July 2002 – demo advanced version at the DARPA IPTO Augmented Cognition Workshop in Dulles, VA showing:

- New architecture, including a binding layer
- Modified methods to present information

Deliverables

Simulated wearable system for future soldiers running on the *America's Army: Operations* engine

Develop an engine that determines context from simple sensor-abstraction inputs.

Develop an engine that provides a course-of-action for the bearer of the context machine.

Demonstrate the effectiveness of the context machine.



The Context Machine

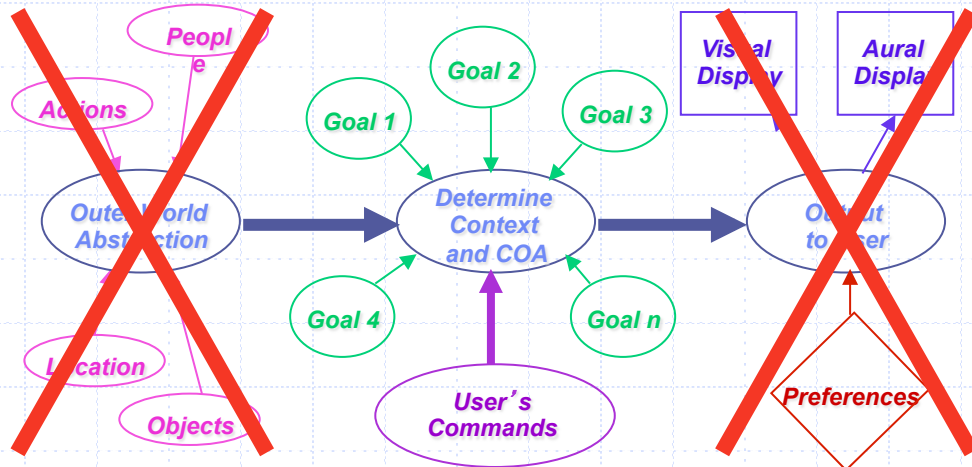
Sponsor – DARPA IPTO

PIs – Perry McDowell & Michael Zyda

Goal – Develop the fundamental design for implementing the context machine, a machine that determines the “context” for the individual that possesses the machine & provides advice/guidance to the bearer.

Faculty/Staff/Contractors

McDowell, Kapolka, Zyda.



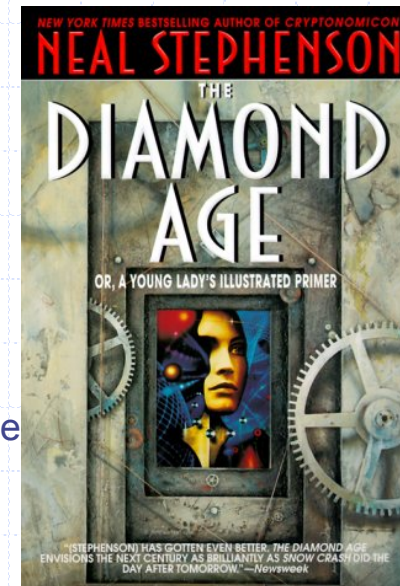
Thesis Titles

Perry McDowell, PhD student in Computer Science, The Context Machine

Sci-Fi Inspiration

The Diamond Age, by Neal Stephenson

Futuristic novel of a young girl who discovers an interactive book which plays scenes demonstrating proper behavior of a young lady. She is able to drastically change her life by adhering to lessons learned in the book.



DCTrain



Evaluation of DCTrain

Sponsor – University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign & ONR

PI – Perry McDowell

Goal – Measure Effectiveness of a Computerized DCA Trainer

Deliverables

Create a testing plan to measure the effectiveness of DCTrain, a computerized trainer for DCA's both in the schoolhouse and in the fleet. DCTrain simulates DC Central for a DDG-51 class ship during a wide range of casualties

Create realistic and compelling scenarios which will produce concrete results documenting the effectiveness of DCTrain

Measure the improvement in DC Knowledge of SWO students at NPS who use the system

Consider ways to improve the system

Milestones

03 July 2002 – got DCTrain running at NPS

12 July 2002 – commenced class to prepare experimenters to create scenarios and run experiments

06 August 2002 – commence testing on SWO's at NPS

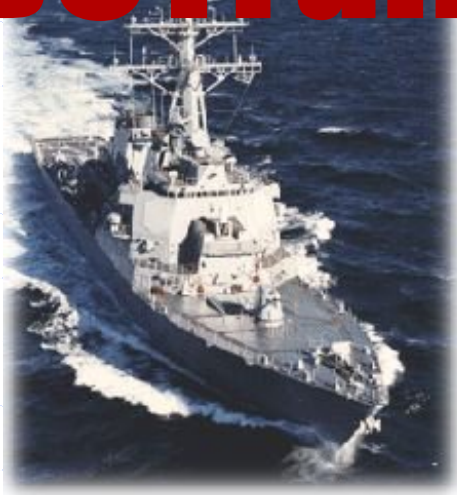
20 September 2002 – complete testing and data evaluation

01 October 2002 – commence theses to improve DCTrain

Things of Note

Applying for additional funding from N6M to improve and expand DCTrain at NPS

DCTrain



Faculty/Staff/Contractors

McDowell.

Evaluation of DCTrain

Sponsor – University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign & ONR

PI – Perry McDowell

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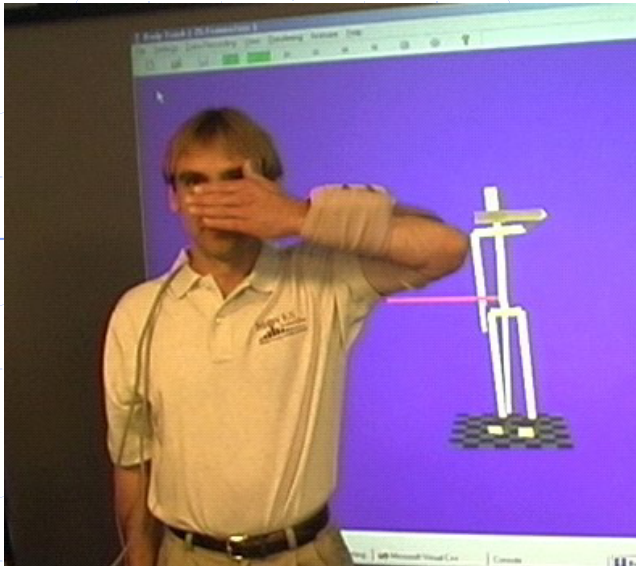
Thesis Titles

None to Date

Students involved in this are enrolled in a special topics class, MV-4920.

Immersive Technologies

In immersive technologies, we have designed a source-less tracker that can be manufactured wrist-watch size, and have performed considerable work on the deployment of sound to enhance the feeling of immersion.



Inertial/Magnetic Posture Tracking

Sponsor - N6M ARO

PIs – Eric Bachmann, Xiaoping Yun & Robert McGhee

Goal - Create a new technology for human body motion tracking in networked virtual environment applications.

Deliverables

Novel hybrid inertial and magnetic sensor called MARG (Magnetic, Angular Rate, and Gravity). Operation does not depend on any signal source. It is readily operable anywhere without abnormal amount of magnetic interference.

Complimentary quaternion-based filter developed to estimate the orientation of a rigid body. Quaternions are used to avoid singularity in orientation representation. Able to continuously correct for drift without the need for still periods.

Simple and efficient calibration algorithms for the sensor components and sensor attachment.

Realistic human avatar based on laser scan data.

Milestones

October 2001 - Second generation MARG sensor (MARG II) designed, built and tested. Measures 8.4x4.2x2.9 cm, a 26% reduction in volume over previous generation. Integrated capacitor coupling circuit for angular rate sensor drift correction.

May 2002 – Improved quaternion filter algorithm implemented and tested in real-time system. Accuracy and dynamic response equal to previous versions with an order of magnitude reduction in complexity



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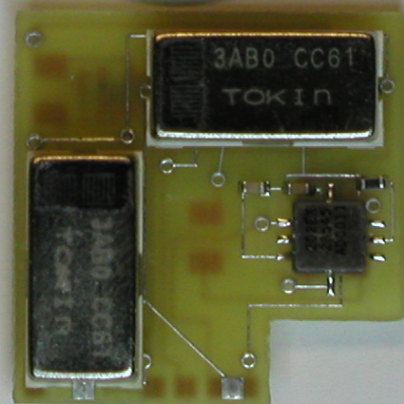
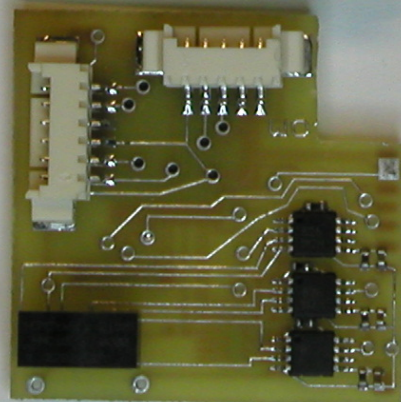
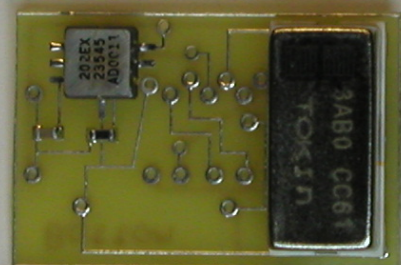
Bachmann, McGhee, McKinney, Yun, Zyda.

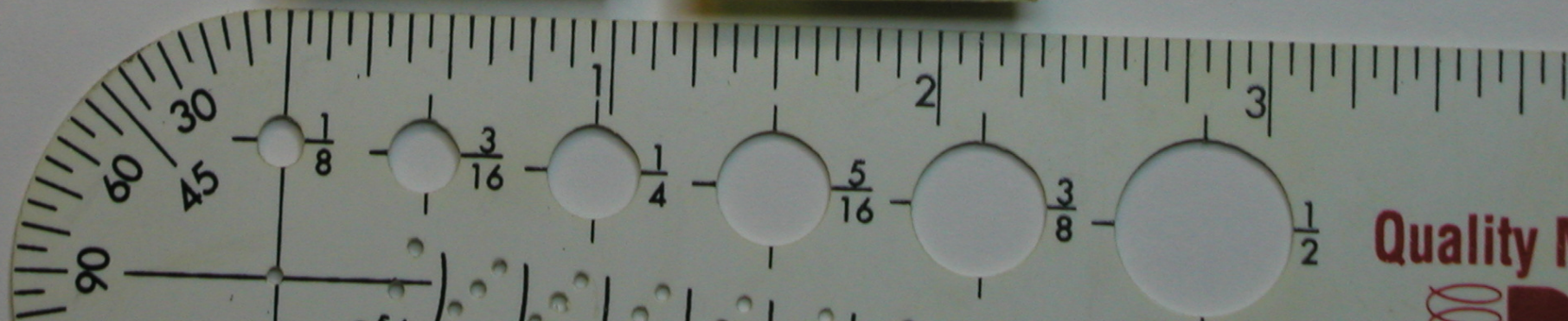
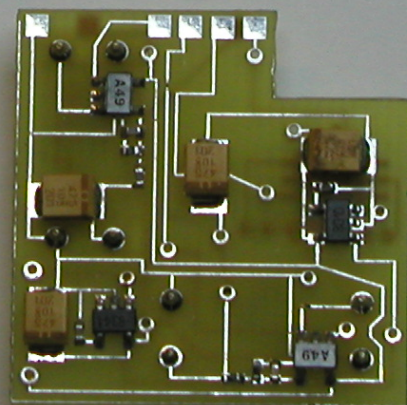
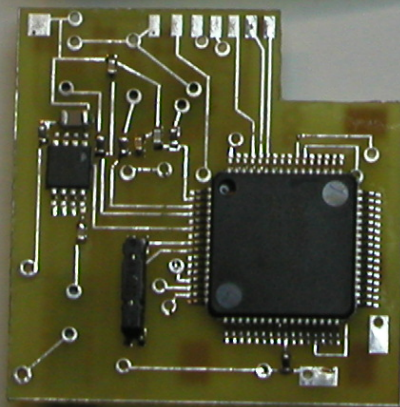
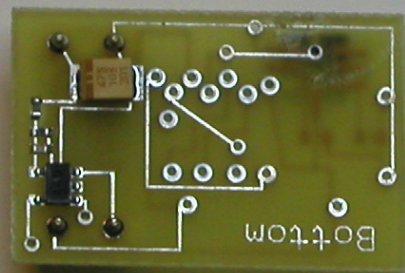
Thesis Titles

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Overall Immersive Audio Program

Project: ONR

PI: LCDR Russell Shilling, Ph.D.

Graduate Students:

LT Hsin-Fu Wu, USN

Maj Tom Greenwald, USA

LT Stephen Ulate, USN

Capt Sam Mowrey, USMC

CDR Eric Krebs, USN

OR

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OR

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Recently Graduated:

LT James Campbell, USN

Capt Rick Sanders, USA

LT Mark Scorgie, USN

OR

Spring '02

MOVES Spring '02

MOVES Winter '02

Summary of Goals:

Research focuses on the use of immersive audio technologies to improve training performance in simulation, radio communications, data mining techniques, radar, sonar, air traffic control, and UAV operations. Research is combining headphone-based spatialization techniques with speaker-based techniques and has been heavily collaborating with the entertainment industry, including Lucasfilm Skywalker Sound, Lucasfilm THX, Dolby, Creative Labs, etc. Funding is provided by three different ONR units (\$100k).



Applying Entertainment Audio Techniques to VE

Project: ONR VIRTE

PI: LCDR Russell Shilling, Ph.D.

Deliverables:

- Compare emotional impact of different audio technologies using objective measures (physiology)
- Record professional quality sound effects for LCAC, AAV, and V-22
- Adapt entertainment industry techniques for putting audio in movies to VE and videogames
- Determine what sounds need to be included in a training scenario, MOUT in particular.
- Learn from industry leaders in the area: Dolby, THX, Skywalker Sound, etc.
- Propose and auditory architecture that is affordable and meets the complex needs of the project.

Milestones

February 2002 : LCAC Recorded with help of Lucasfilm Skywalker Sound. Sound also used in movie, “Minority Report”.

May – Sept 2002: Four theses completed

May 2002: Working Audio Architecture Proposed

May 2002: Game Design for America’s Army Dolby Digital certified and game audio introduced to public and reviewers.

August 2002: AAV Recording

Things of Note

Article coming up in Game Developers Magazine
 Lessons on Audio Design by Gary Rydstrom (multiple Academy Awards in Sound Design)



Advanced Spatialized Auditory Display Research

Sponsor - ONR

PI – LCDR Russell Shilling, Ph.D.

Goal – Develop and design spatialized advanced auditory displays for improving performance in radar, sonar, and radio communications

Deliverables:

- Methods for sonification of hyper-dimensional data sets for improved data mining techniques
- Techniques for improving perception in multi-channel radio communications tasks
- Improve Air-Traffic Control and UAV operations using advanced spatialized auditory displays
- Comparisons of headphone and speaker systems
- Develop ways of measuring sound localization ability to improve the design of future spatialized auditory displays over headphones

Milestones:

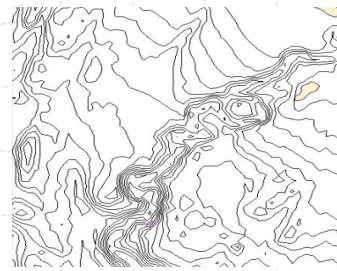
- May 2002: Radio communications thesis study finished finding much improved performance for comprehending four simultaneous radio channels.
- July 2002: Localization task to be completed using HMD and inertial headtracker
- September 2002: Sonification and ATC theses to be completed.

Things of Note

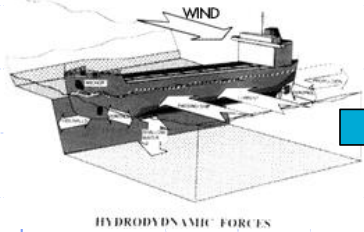
- Three OR Students and Two MOVES Students contributed to this effort
- One of the best headphone audio labs around!
- \$70k Funding (combining two ONR efforts)

Evolving Operational Modeling

In evolving operational modeling, we are creating a synthetic ocean environment for exploring littoral conflict, performing R&D in support of ForceNet, & managing all future development of the Navy Simulation System.



GIS Chart



3D Simulation

Ship Hydro-Dynamical Model

Navy Synthetic Ocean Project

Sponsor – CNO-N6M

PIs – Peter C Chu

Goal - R&D in support of Naval Littoral Warfare Simulations.

Deliverables

(1) ArcView GIS system has been implemented into the MOVES Institute computer system.

(2) One chapter with lab entitled “GIS for Modeling and Simulation” was developed for the course: MV4030 Modeling and Simulation in Ocean Environment.

(3) The Navy's Global Bathymetry Data Set (unclassified at 1' X 1' resolution) has been implemented into the ArcView GIS.

(4) The Navy's Global Digital Environmental Model (GDEM) with three dimensional climatological temperature, salinity, and sound speed data has been implemented into the ArcView GIS.

(5) The Navy's Modular Ocean Data Assimilation System (MODAS) with capability of processing real-time three dimensional METOC data.

Milestones

1 March 2002 – Establishment of synthetic ocean using GIS

2 July 2002 – Establishment of ship hydro-dynamical model
Internet

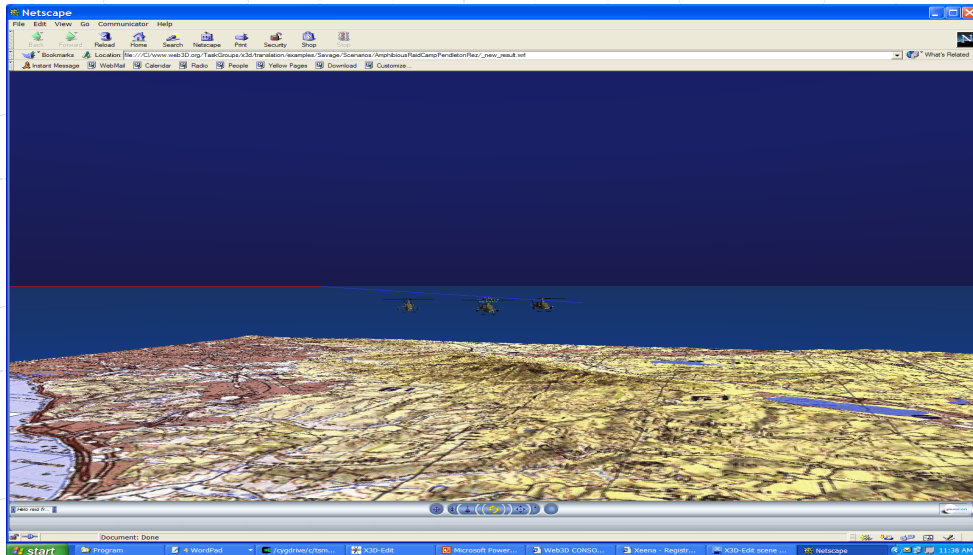
20 August 2002 – Demo on harbor simulation (MOVES Open House)

1 October 2002 - additional mission packs & continued R&D.

Things of Note

Press in over 20 news publications

Two UW students completed their theses in June



Expeditionary Sensor Grid (ESG) Enabling Experiments (EEE) FY-03

Sponsor – ONR, NWDC

PIs – Doug Horner, Alex Callahan

Goal - R&D in support of FORCEnet.

Description:

•ArchAngel is a prototype combining the W3C Semantic Web recommendations with software agents to facilitate military Command and Control.

Background

•EEE is looking at distributed computing and the application of software agents to manage a future littoral battlespace with 10Ks to 100Ks of sensors.

Deliverables

- ArchAngel software
- Documentation to support the software.
- Final report on Semantic Web integration into EEE.

Milestones

October 2001 – NWDC initiates Anti-Terrorism Force Protection effort to improve maritime harbor coordination.

March 2002 – Delivery of ATFP C2 Prototype.

April 2002 – EEE effort underway.

July 2002 – EEE involvement with FBE JULIET.

August 2002 – Experimentation Scheduled

October 2002 – Delivery of final report

Things of Note:

Joint, multi-lab participation - NWDC, NPS, SSC, AFRL, NUWC, NAVAIR

Development of a agent-based, distributed computing architecture to support a proliferation of sensors.

NPS leads the Semantic Web working group within effort.

Three NPS students and three faculty involved.

Expeditionary Sensor Grid (ESG) Enabling Experiments
(EEE) FY-02

Sponsor – ONR, NWDC

PIs – Doug Horner, Alex Callahan

Goal - R&D in support of FORCEnet concepts.

Faculty/Staff/Contractors

Doug Horner, Alex Callahan, Curt Blais, Chris Darken, John Hiles.

Thesis Titles

Agent Proxies and Semantic Context in the Operational Continuum by Marty Hagenston Sam Chance, Clyde Richards .



Navy Simulation System Program Management

Sponsor – N60M

PIs – Alex Callahan

Goal – Organize, Control and Direct the Naval Simulation System. Provide configuration control, provide distribution of software and documentation and coordinate user support.

Faculty/Staff/Contractors

Callahan, Buss, Blais, Horner, VanHise, Falby, METRON, and Rolands and Associates

Things of note

1 OCT 2002 – Project Start. This is an ongoing project that will be funded annually

NSS course syllabus is complete. Courseware to be completed this quarter. Course to be taught next quarter.

Three students developing thesis proposals on research to extend the capabilities of the model using xml and agents.

Defense & Entertainment Collaboration

In defense/entertainment collaboration, we have Transformed Army recruiting by constructing a suite of PC games that provide the experience of a potential career in the Army and researching the ability for computing player aptitude from game play. We have fielded the largest played networked PC game in history from inside of our institute, a game that has been the recipient of several “best game” or “runner up for best game” of the year awards.



Army Game Project

Sponsor - ASA M&RA

PIs - Michael Zyda, John Hiles & Russ Shilling

Goal - **Transform** US Army recruiting.
 R&D in support of Army strategic communication.

Deliverables

Americas Army Operations - networked 3D game that allows the exploration of a potential career as an infantryman in the US Army

Americas Army Soldiers - story-based game that allows the exploration of additional MOSs in the Army

Interactive story engine - connector-based multi-agent system that supports directed exploration of an infinite story space.

Technology for measuring the ASVAB score from videogame play.

Large-scale game networking - server farm & web site
 AmericasArmy.com

Milestones

22 May 2002 - demo & announce both games at Electronics Entertainment Expo

4 July 2002 - Recon version of Operations to Internet

26 August 2002 - post Operations gold master to Internet

1 October 2002 - additional mission packs & continued R&D.

Things of Note

Press in over 70 news publications at E3 launch & since.

28% of all hits on Goarmy.com are from AmericasArmy.com

3,500,000 downloads so far, double the previous rate record of any Internet-posted game.

900,000+ players registered.



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 R&D in support of Army strategic communication.

Faculty/Staff/Contractors

Zyda, Hiles, Mayberry, Falby, Shilling, Juntiff, Minns, Ball, Buhl, Chang, Chang, Champlin, Brown, Hiles, Ahearn, Ahearn, Davis, Robaszewski, Bailey, Jones, Dossett, Superville, Olson, Bossant, Wiglesworth, Elzenga, Mason.

Thesis Titles

LT Dave Back, USN - Agent Based Soldier Behavior in Dynamic 3D Virtual Environments, MS in MOVES, March 2002.

Christian Buhl – Coordinated Agent Based Soldier Behaviors, MS in MOVES, exp. 2003.

LT Jeffrey DeBrine and LT Donald Morrow, USN – Repurposing Commercial Entertainment Software for Military Use, MS in MOVES, Sep 2001

Thesis Titles (cont' d)

MAJ Thomas Greenwald, USA - Immersive Sound - AGP Close Quarters Combat, MS in MOVES, exp. Sep 2002

Maj Keith Perkins, USA - AGP Helicopter Physics & Real-Time Path Generation, MS in MOVES, September 2002?

LT Victor Spears, USN - Terrain Level of Detail in First-Person, Ground-Perspective Simulation, MS in MOVES, March 2002.

CDR Brian Osborn, USN - Interactive Computer Generated Stories, PhD in CS, September 2002.



E3 -
22 May 2002



E3 Booth

Our booth at E3 had giant display screens high above the convention floor.

Every two hours an Army bugler called in an armed company of men simulating an air insertion, including soldiers scrambling down ropes hung from the ceiling of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The long lines to our booth unfortunately blocked our Sony Playstation 2 neighbors next door (thankfully their head of security was retired Army).



























E3 Video

[Play video](#)

AmericasArmy.com

22 May 2002 Wednesday

- 180,000 unique visitors/hour
- 18,000 pages served every 5 seconds

Just to see images from the game (not on the Net until 4 July 2002).

Army's New Message to Young Recruits: Uncle 'Sim' Wants You

■ Technology: The service has created video games to woo a media-savvy generation with a simulation of military life.

By ALEX PHAM, Times Staff Writer

America's youth would rather play video games than do push-ups in the mud—a reality the U.S. Army wants to harness to its advantage.

Eager to prove it's not your grandfather's military, the Army is developing video games to recruit and build awareness among Generation Y.



Today at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, the Army will unveil two games designed to appeal to a media-saturated, tech-bombarded generation. One is a sanitized version

Photo Gallery



The Army's Video Game

Times Headlines

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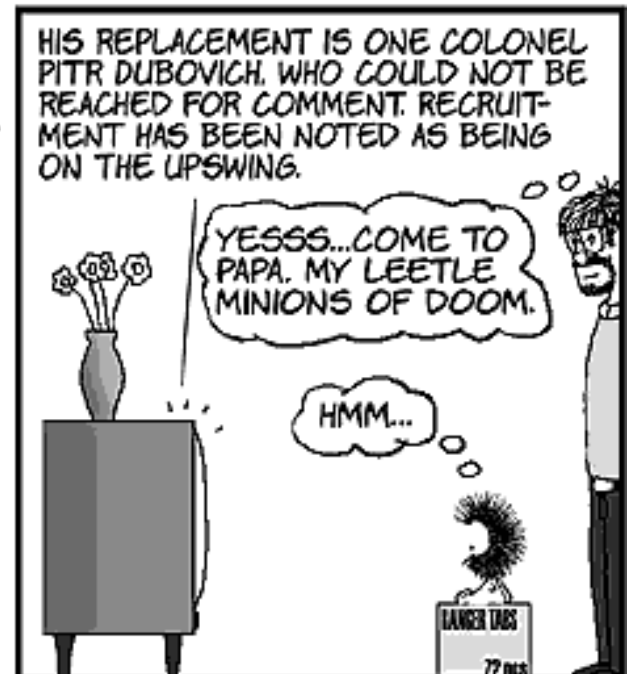
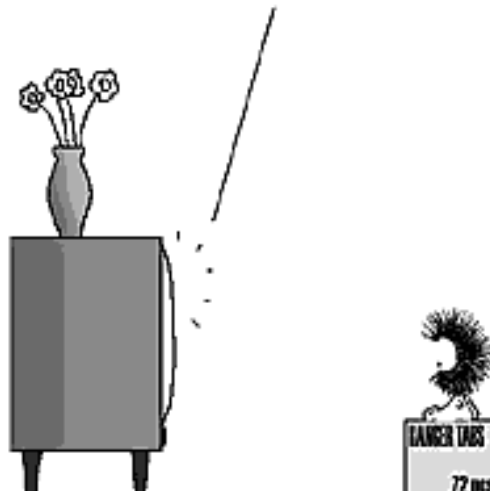
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Popular Culture

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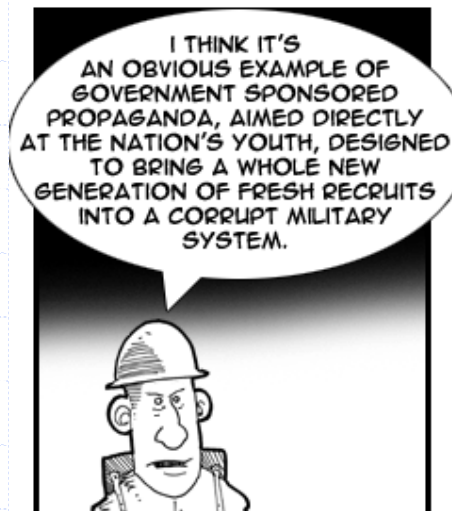
NOTABLY, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE NEW ARMY RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN HAS LEFT ON A SABBATICAL IN ANTARCTICA.



Popular Culture ...

RealToons!

BY SCOTT JOHNSON



On

**ROBBERY
HOMICIDE
DIVISION**

EPISODES:
Mini-mall

ABOUT THE SHOW

CAST & CREW

EPISODE GUIDE



Mini-mall

Chaos is evident when Cole and his team arrive at a mini-mall to find a veteran cop shot dead and his trainee in critical condition. Control over the scene is threatened by volatile cops who have lost two of their own and by press choppers overhead. Cole takes over the investigation and returns the focus back to finding the real shooter before he slips away.

SCROLL

SCENE FROM:
Mini-mall



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Video

Operations Single Player

Operations Missions

Soldiers

Production Shots

Born on the 4th of July 2002 ...

On July 4 at 12:01am, the first ten levels of “America’s Army: Operations” were posted to the Internet, and by noon the next day, 500,000 downloads of the 211MB game had been made.

- 750,000 hits/second for 4 & 5 July 2002!
- The Army’s 140 servers were swamped, and we rushed to complete and post the community server kit the same week.



Community servers everywhere ...



By July 15, we were seeing approximately 1,900 servers.

By August 21, 6,500 servers.

- 26 players per server ...

As of 12 Aug 2002

Game use as of August 12 saw:

- 545,702 registered accounts,
- 322,860 graduates of BCT, and 8,855,361 missions completed (averaging 6-10 minutes).
 - ◆ 1,500,000 hours, 62,500 days, 171 years of play in 40 days (@10min/mission)
 - ◆ Per year - 1560 years of game play ...

Missions per day averaged 253,010, with players typically accomplishing 21 missions after BCT.

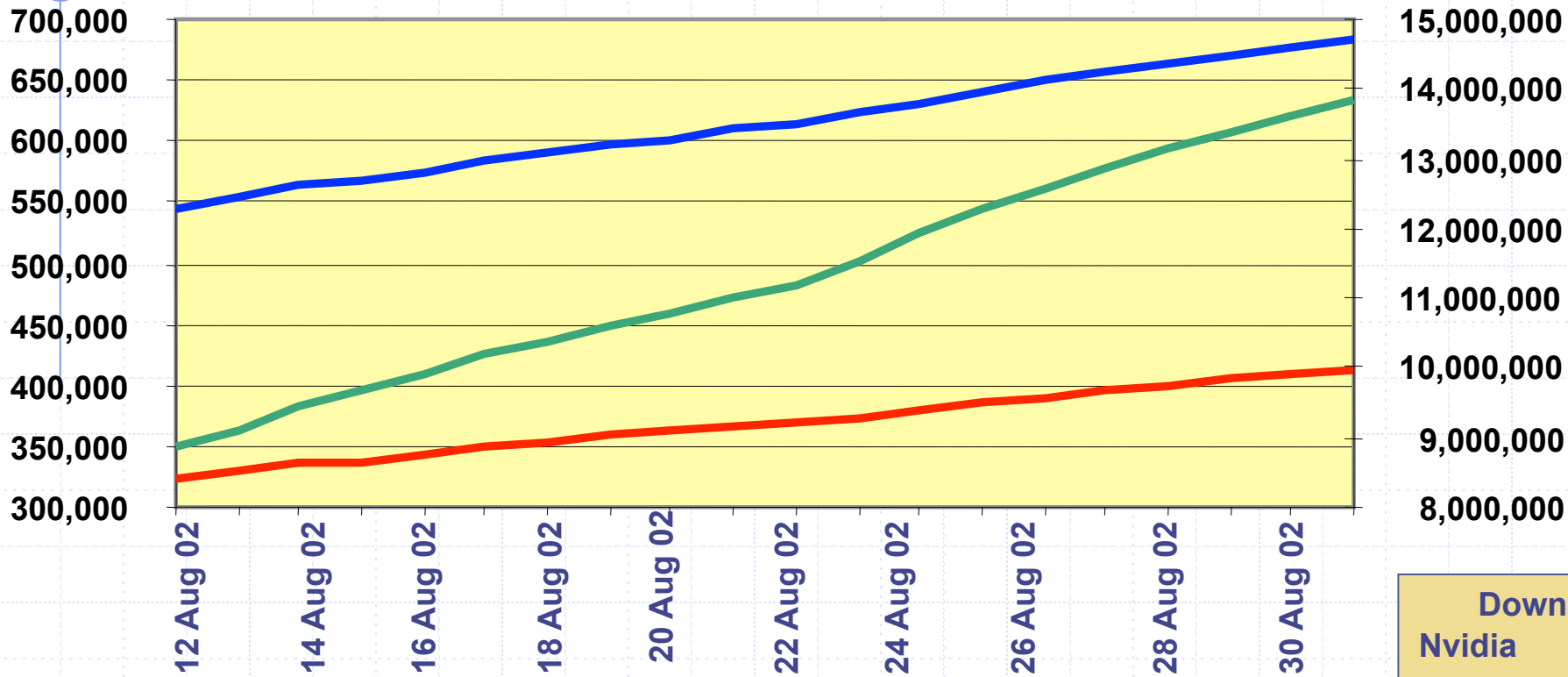
One avid player enacted 3,600 missions in the first 40 days of launch, spending ten or more minutes at each level.

**With Registration of Over 683,000 Players Since 4 July 02,
Player Registrations and Total Missions Played
Continue to Exhibit Exponential Growth**



Number of Players

Number of Missions Played Since 4 Jul 02



- Registered Players (Left Axis)
- Number of Players Who Completed Basic Training (Left Axis)
- Total Missions Played (Right Axis)

30 August 2002

Downloads	
Nvidia	1,367,176
Gigex	651,319
File Planet	354,537
Game Spot	65,129
Various	70,000
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Total	2.5 million +

As of 31 August 2002

Game use as of August 31, 2002:

- 683,898 registered accounts,
- 412,830 graduates of BCT, and
13,858,106 missions completed
(averaging 6-10 minutes).
 - ◆ 2,309,684 hours, 96,237 days,
263 years of play in 58 days
(@10min/mission)
 - ◆ 4.6 years of play per day.
 - ◆ Per year - 1659 years of game
play (at \$6.75/hour, this is about
\$98M)

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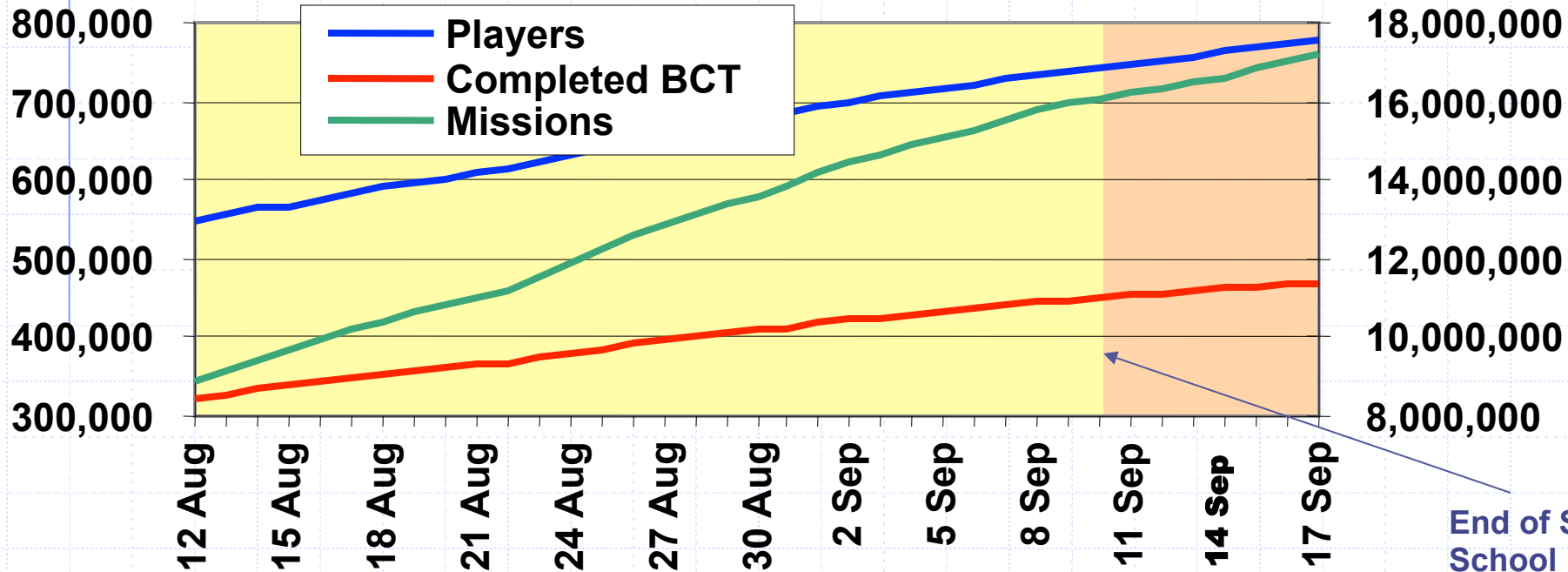
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The America's Army Game Continues to Exhibit Strong Growth in Player Registrations, Players Completing BCT and Daily Play Activity



Number of Players

Number of Missions Played Since 4 Jul 02



End of Summer School Break

- Registered Players (Left Axis)
- Number of Players Who Completed Basic Training (Left Axis)
- Total Missions Played (Right Axis)

17 Sept 2002

How much time is 18M missions?

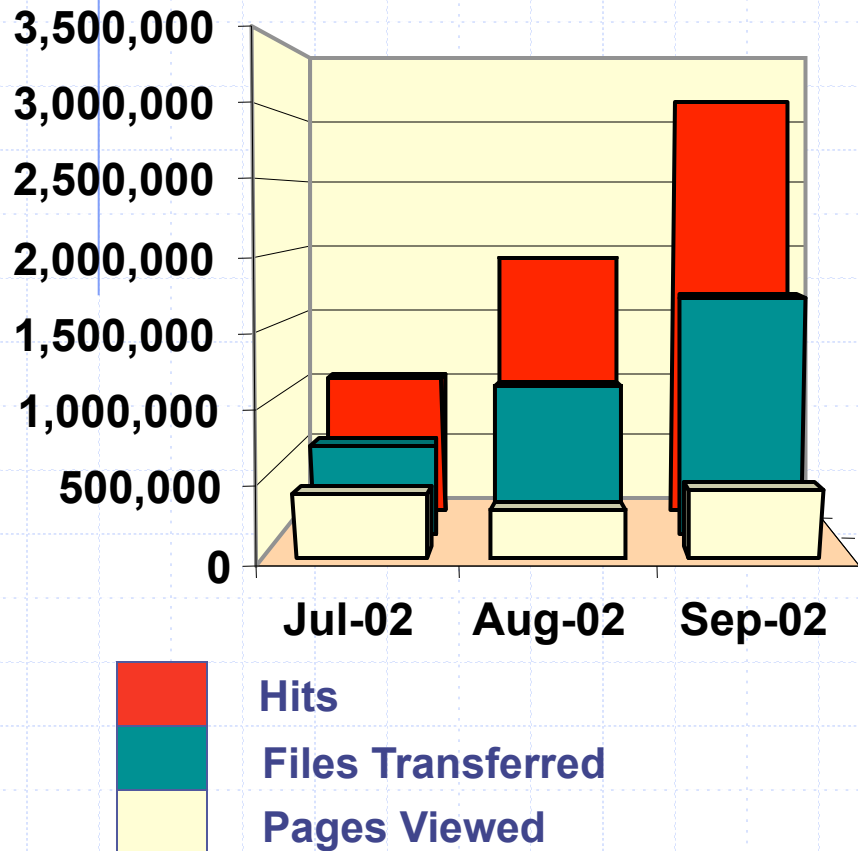
18M missions, at 10 min/mission by
17 Sep 2002

- 3M hours
- 125,000 days
- 342 years of game play in 75 days
- 4.6 years of play per day
- 40,000 hours of game play/day
- 40,000 hours/day x \$6.75/hour = \$270,000/day or \$98M/year

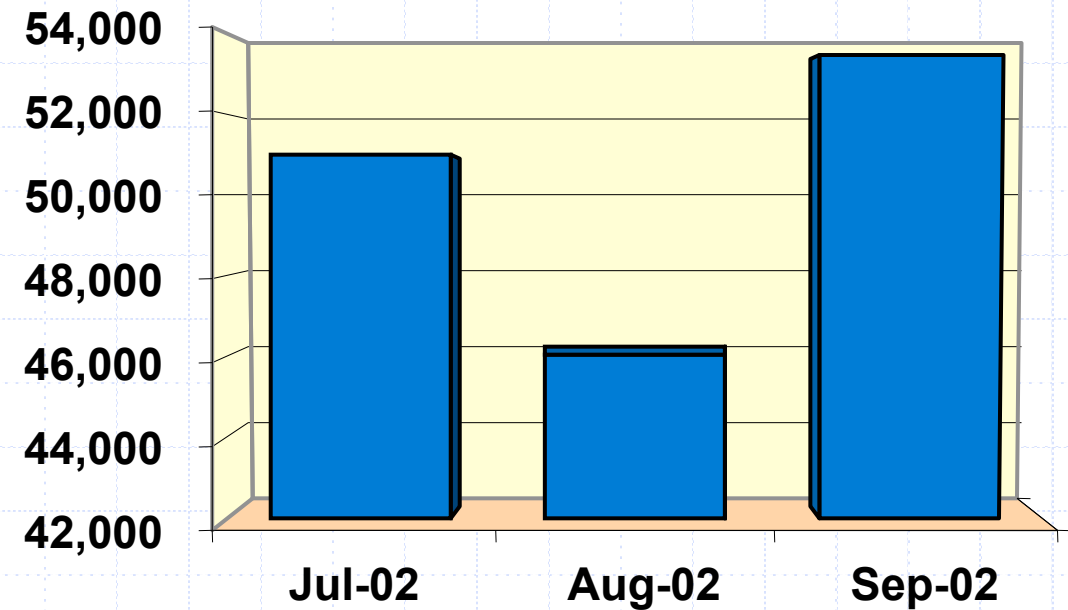
Traffic on the www.AmericasArmy.com Web Site Continues to Expand Apace with the Growth in America's Army Game Activity – Building a Community of Interest About the U.S. Army



**www.AmericasArmy.com
Average Daily Web Site Traffic**

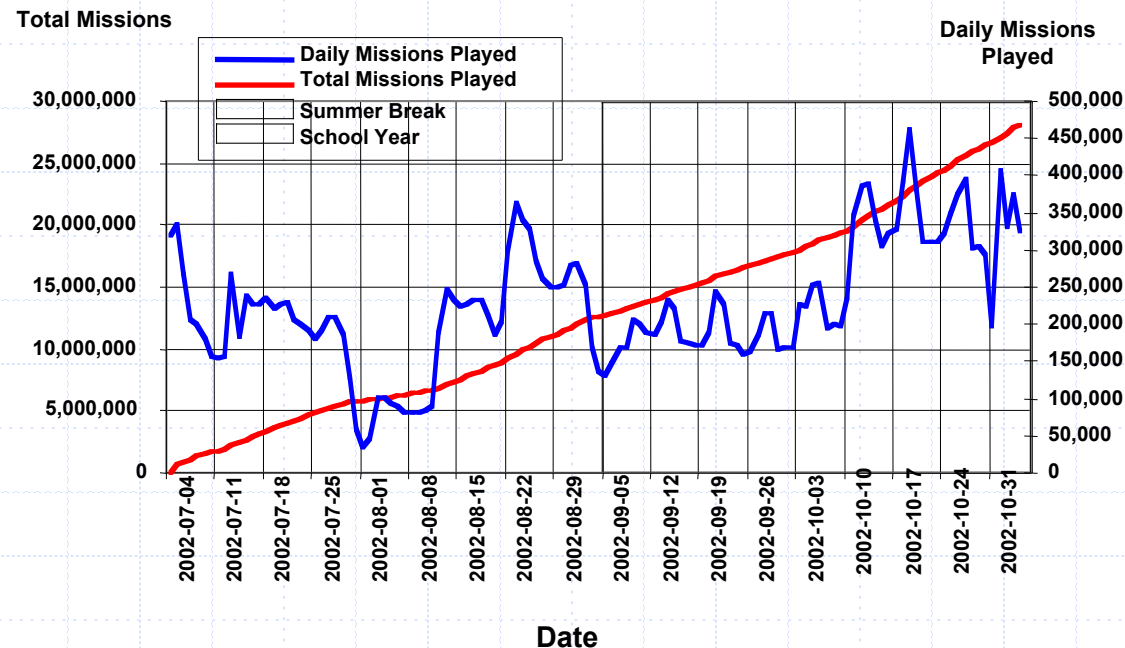


**www.AmericasArmy.com
Average Daily Web Site Visits**



4 Nov 2002 Status

*"America's Army" Continues to Exhibit Growth in Daily Play Activity.
Also, the Pattern of Play Activity Fits with a Significant School-Age Player Base.*



User Statistics: Game use as of 4 November 02

Registered game user accounts: 968,387

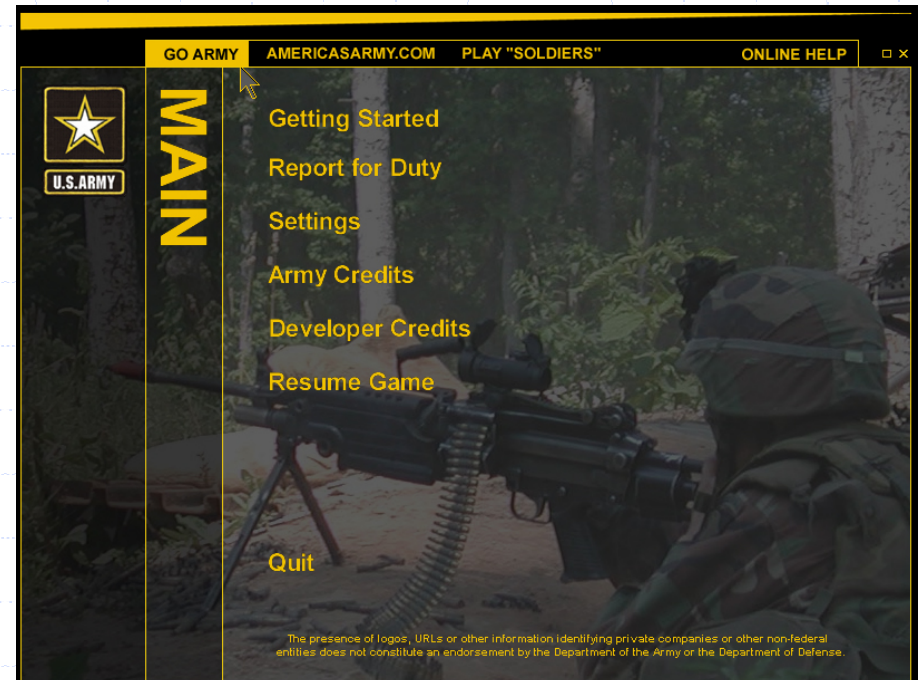
Players that have completed Basic Training (BCT): 589,050

Total completed missions (6-10 minutes in length/mission): 28,149,010

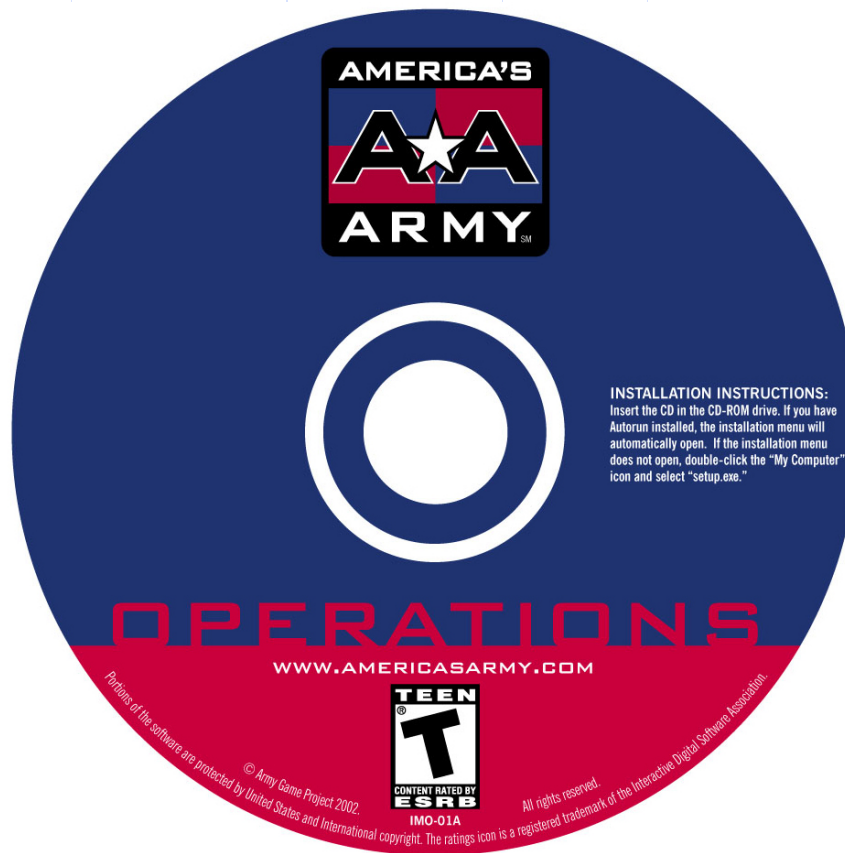
Average completed missions per day: 338,380

GoArmy.com!

Though the Army has used www.goarmy.com as a recruitment site for years, traffic is way up—about 28% of hits now originate from the “America’s Army” game.



CD Distribution ...



PC Gamer - Oct 2002

Computer Gaming World - Oct 2002

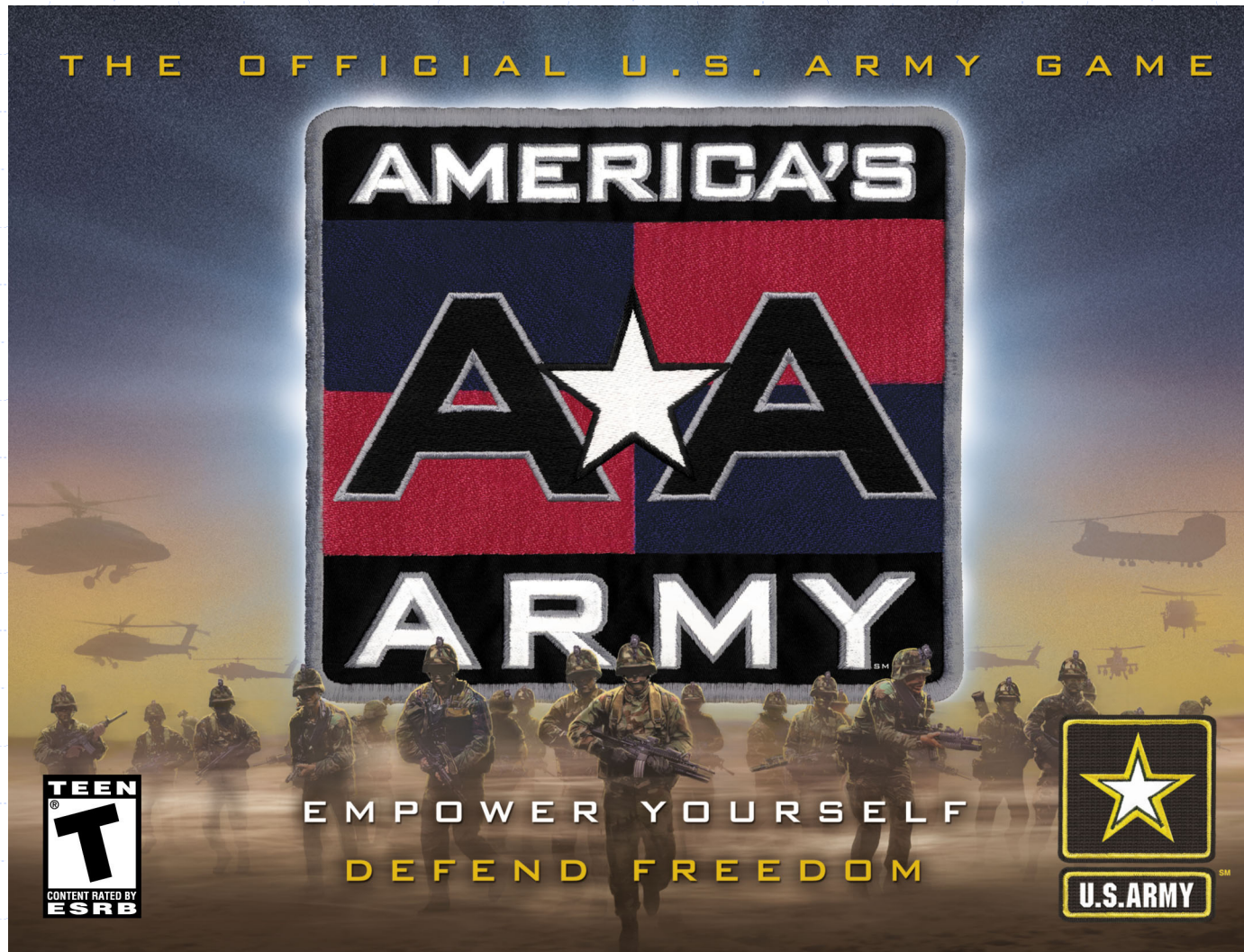
nVidia.com with every GeForce card sold, 1M/month.

Some 10M CDs will be distributed between October and December 2002

Recruiting stations, of course


CD Distribution

- 10M by Dec 02!





CD Distribution

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- 100% DirectX 8.1 or higher compatible sound card and drivers
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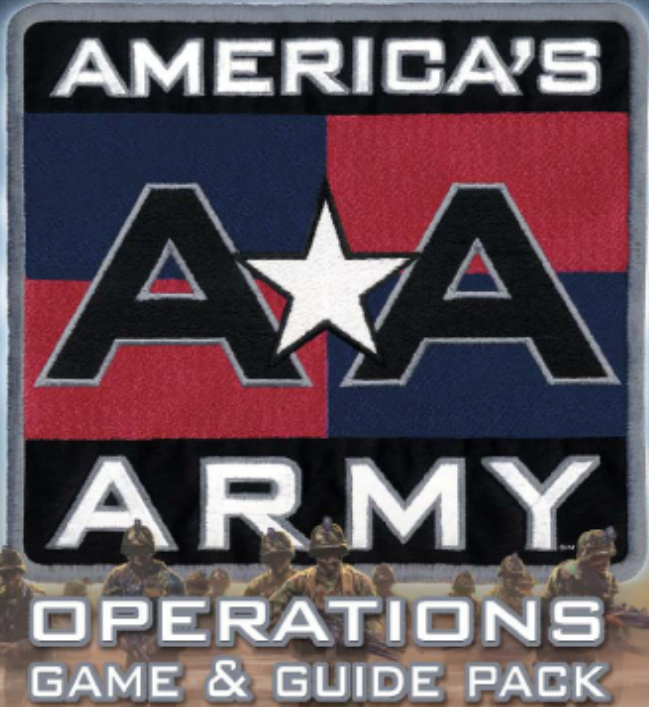
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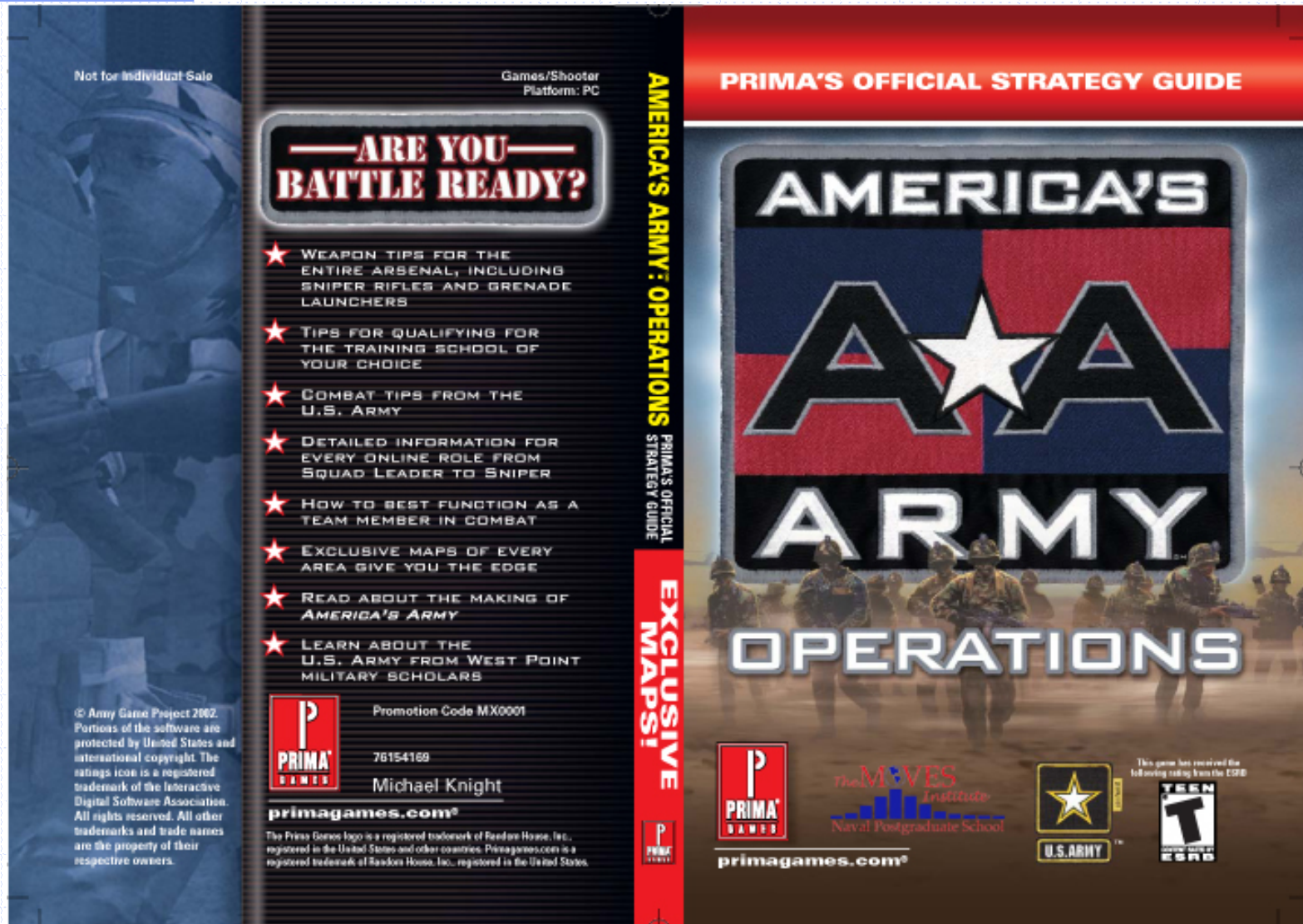
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game title	genre		rating
NHL 2003	Sports	Buy Now	8.8
No One Lives Forever 2	First-Person Shooter	Buy Now	9.0
Unreal Tournament 2003	First-Person Shooter	Buy Now	9.0
America's Army	First-Person Shooter		8.8
Battlefield 1942	First-Person Action	Buy Now	9.3
Emperor: Rise of the Middle Kingdom	Strategy Simulation	Buy Now	8.8
The Thing	Action Adventure	Buy Now	8.5
Icewind Dale II	RPG	Buy Now	9.0
Mafia	Third-Person Action	Buy Now	9.2
Medieval: Total War	Strategy	Buy Now	8.9
Madden NFL 2003	Sports	Buy Now	9.2
Warcraft III: Reign of Chaos	Real-Time Strategy	Buy Now	9.3
Shadow of Destiny	Adventure		8.7
Age of Wonders 2: The Wizard's Throne	Strategy	Buy Now	8.5
Neverwinter Nights	RPG Online	Buy Now	9.0
2002 FIFA World Cup	Sports	Buy Now	9.3
The Sum of All Fears	First-Person Shooter	Buy Now	8.7
Grand Theft Auto III	Action	Buy Now	9.4
Baseball Mogul 2003	Sports Simulation	Buy Now	8.9
Soldier of Fortune II: Double Helix	First-Person Shooter	Buy Now	8.8

Invitation to speak

Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences
February 2003 at the DICE Conference

Next Up ...

AGP Futures

Having this type of project in-house is kind of like having your own particle accelerator, lots of projects walk in the door to utilize your hard to reproduce capability ...

- The Defense Science Board Summer 2001 study, being implemented now, puts us in the center of funding action.
- DARPA & OSD MMP Efforts ...

From the ASA M&RA, we have five additional years of promised funding.

We anticipate new missions, levels, completely new games, and more entertainment R&D in the pipeline.



Future Apps



Treaty Verification - VISIT Program

AF - Force Protection

JFCOM

Army Objective Force

Infantry Training

Secret Service WH Protection

WMD Recovery Trainer

Some potential future research ...

What if you did compute the aptitude of each player?

- Akamai & IP addresses - could visually display who is playing where & their aptitude.

Could think about tracking game play of your player pool to look for superior strategies ...

Some open issues -

- Would like a more capable, available engine. A govt.-owned, open source one would be excellent.
- Would like to be able to rapidly prototype ANY TYPE of mission.
- Large-scale interoperability.
- Modeling human & organizational behavior integration.

Additional News

MOVES Institute Space



The MOVES Institute is distributed across several buildings on the NPS campus.

Spanagel Hall (second floor)

- Software Development Laboratory
- Conference room
- Video editing facility
- Faculty/staff offices

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and the Mechanical Engineering (ME) building (second floor, labside).

- The Army Game Project Lab
- Conference Room
- Software Production Facility
- VR CAVE & Sound Research Facility
- Faculty/staff offices



MOVES Institute Space

We will receive the top two floors of the three-story ME annex, providing additional square feet to

- consolidate faculty/staff offices (so we can move out of Spanagel),
- classrooms of the MOVES Institute.
- Space move-wise, it is one-for-one with our office & conference room space with what we have in Spanagel now.
- Need to maintain space in ME Lab side as there is no lab space in the new annex.
- opening is scheduled for March 2003.



Other news of the year

MOVES Institute Open House

XMSF Workshop

Threat Assessment Prediction Workshop

Army SMART Presentation on the Future of M&S
Education

NRC Participation

And many, many other things ...

Visitors

Many visitors -

- Secretary of the Army
- In-Q-Tel
- SPAWAR
- CIA
- NSA
- IDA
- DARPA IAO ...
- Army Objective Force
- Fort Benning Infantry school

Other news ...

2003 ACM SIGGRAPH Symposium on
Interactive 3D Graphics

<http://siggraph.org/i3d>

In closing



Backup slides

Academic Program

The Modeling, Virtual Environments
and Simulation (MOVES) MS and PhD
Programs

Academic Program

The MOVES MS degree program is about one third Operations Research, one third Computer Science, and one third MOVES specific course material.

Scope of the MOVES MS Program

Programming

Object-oriented programming, data structures, artificial intelligence

Mathematical Fundamentals

Multivariable calculus, linear algebra, probability & statistics

Modeling & Simulation

Stochastic models, system simulation, simulation methodology, introduction to joint combat modeling, physically-based modeling, agent-based autonomous behavior for simulations

Systems & Architecture

Computer systems principles, operating systems, distributed operating systems

Communications & Networks

Network communication in simulation, virtual environment network & software architectures

Human Performance Engineering

Interactive computation systems, human performance measurement, human performance evaluation, human factors in system design

Computer Graphics

Computer graphics, image synthesis, computer animation, computer graphics using VRML

Virtual Environments

Virtual world & simulation systems, human factors of virtual environments, training in virtual environments

Visual Simulation Track Human Performance Engineering Track

29 classes total in the MOVES MS

Subspecialty definition

The MOVES MS program is

- the definition for the Navy's subspecialty (6202/xx99 P-code) in modeling and simulation,
- the definition for the Marine Corps' modeling and simulation subspecialty (MOS 9625), and
- the definition for the US Army's Simulation Operations functional area (FA-57).

MOVES PhD Program

PhD Areas of Study

- Physically-based modeling for virtual environments
- Networked virtual environments
- Human factors in virtual environments
- Adaptable software agents
- Modeling human and organizational behavior
- Discrete-event systems modeling
- Data and model visualization